

What we claim is:

1. A portable information apparatus having communications tools, said portable information apparatus including:

a wireless transmission/reception section for transmitting to and receiving from an external wireless transmitter/receiver electromagnetic signals;

an operation section for performing various operations;

a display section for displaying status of the operations made by said operation section, and status and the results of transmission/reception operations made by said wireless transmission/reception section; and

a control section connected with said wireless transmission/reception section, operation section, and display section, for controlling overall actions of said portable information apparatus, wherein

said operation section has selection means for selectively enabling/disabling the transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section.

2. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 1, wherein said wireless transmission/reception section is adapted to serve as a dedicated wireless receiver when said transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section are disabled.

3. A portable information apparatus having communications tools, said portable information apparatus including:

a wireless transmission/reception section for transmitting to and receiving from an external wireless transmitter/receiver electromagnetic

signals;

an operation section for performing various operations;

a display section for displaying status of the operations made by said operation section, and status and the results of transmission/reception operations made by said wireless transmission/reception section; and

a control section connected with said wireless transmission/reception section, operation section, and display section, for controlling overall actions of said portable information apparatus,

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said portable information apparatus further comprising reception means, within or outside said wireless transmission/reception section, for receiving a communication prohibition signal and/or a communication permission signal transmitted from an external facility, and for enabling/disabling said transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section upon receipt of said communication prohibition signal and/or said communication permission signal.

4. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 3, wherein said wireless transmission/reception section is adapted to serve as a dedicated wireless receiver when said transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section are disabled.

5. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 3, wherein said communication prohibition signal and/or said communication permission signal are/is weaker than the electromagnetic waves transmitted from said wireless transmission/reception section of said portable information apparatus.

6. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 3, further comprising:

a data section for storing data regarding the portable information apparatus;

a discrimination section, adapted to receive the results of the reception from the reception means and receive data from the data section, for setting the transmission function of the wireless transmission/reception section enabled or disabled, based on the results received from the reception means and the data received from the data section.

7. A control system for controlling portable information apparatuses having communications tools, said control system having a transmitter for transmitting a communication prohibition signal and/or a communication permission signal to the portable information apparatuses, said transmitter installed at a location where transmissions of electromagnetic waves from said portable information apparatuses are prohibited.

8. The control system according to claim 7, wherein said communication prohibition signal and/or communication permission signal are/is weaker than electromagnetic waves transmitted from the wireless transmission/reception section of the portable information apparatus.

9. The control system according to claim 7, wherein said transmitter is operated under predetermined conditions.

10. A control system comprising a multiplicity of transmitters defined in claim 7.

11. An apparatus equipped with a controller for controlling portable information apparatuses having communications tools, said apparatus comprising a transmitter for transmitting a communication prohibition signal and/or a communication permission signal to said portable information apparatuses, wherein said transmitter is installed on an apparatus that can be influenced by electromagnetic waves transmitted from said portable information apparatuses.

12. The apparatus equipped with a controller according to claim 11, wherein said communication prohibition signal and/or said communication permission signal are/is weak enough not to influence said electromagnetically susceptible apparatus.